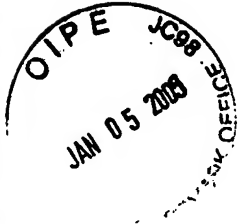


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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, the period for response extending through January 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.